

COMPUTER SYSTEM WITH LAN-BASED I/O

ABSTRACT

A computer system includes a local area network (LAN) and a plurality of computers. Each of the
5 computers includes at least one central processing unit (CPU) and a LAN interface, which is coupled to communicate over the LAN, while the computers include no on-board input/output (I/O) device controllers other than the LAN interface. One or more peripheral devices are
10 coupled to communicate with the computers over the LAN.